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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY  
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TEL AVIV FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SOPN, UR, US, PFOR

SUBJECT: MFA WARNING TO OSNOS

1. SOV ACTING DIRECTOR BARRY CALLED IN SOVIET PRESS  
COUNSELOR KAMENEV DECEMBER 22 TO EXPRESS DEPARTMENT'S  
CONCERN OVER WARNING DELIVERED TO OSNOS BY MFA.  
BARRY NOTED THAT WARNING APPEARED TO BE ATTEMPT TO  
INTIMIDATE OSNOS AND THAT IN THE VEILED THREAT ABOUT  
FURTHER CONSEQUENCES OF HIS WRITING CAUSE SPECIAL  
CONCERN. IT HAD BEEN SOME YEARS SINCE MFA HAD TAKEN  
SUCH A TACK WITH A U.S. CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW AND RETURN  
TO THIS PRACTICE WAS DISTURBING. BARRY NOTED THAT  
WARNING TO OSNOS WAS HARDLY IN SPIRIT OF CSCE PROVISIONS  
ON IMPROVING WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS AND  
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DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.

2. KAMENEV SAID HE HAD NO REPORT FROM MFA OF CONVERSA-  
TION BUT HAD READ PRESS ACCOUNTS. HE SAID IN OPINION  
OF HIS EMBASSY OSNOS' ARTICLES "LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS"

HAD BEEN NOTABLY NEGATIVE AND HAD STRUCK SENSITIVE NERVES. OTHER U.S. CORRESPONDENTS IN MOSCOW INCLUDING

NYT HAD COVERED EVENTS IN MORE BALANCED FASHION AND HAD COVERED "SOME POSITIVE" STORIES WHICH OSNOS HAD IGNORED. KAMENEV SAID IT WAS HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT SINCE OSNOS WAS AN INTELLIGENT MAN HE WOULD DRAW NECESSARY CONCLUSIONS FROM WARNING.

3. BARRY REPLIED THAT THERE WAS MUCH IN SOVIET PRESS WHICH STRUCK SENSITIVE NERVES HERE BUT THAT WE DID NOT MAKE PRACTICE OF CALLING CORRESPONDENTS IN TO COMPLAIN. IF WE DID THEY WOULD NOT HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT TO WRITE STORIES. KAMENEV SAID HE UNDERSTOOD -AND CONVERSATION CONCLUDED ON THIS NOTE.

4. EMBASSY MAY AT ITS DISCRETION RAISE THIS WITH MFA ON APPROPRIATE OCCASION  
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